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INCREASED SUGAR SUPPLY EXPECTED

18 PERCENT MORE SUGAR PREDICTED -- Zycie Warszawy, No 223, 14 Aug 49

Jan Domagala, Vice Minister of Farm and Food Industries, announced that all reports indicate not only an increased sugar beet crop but also an increase in the sugar content of the beets. The frequent rains did not harm the crop, but apparently benefited it.

The average yield from one hectare is estimated at 200 quintals. In 1948 the average was 189 quintals, with a total crop of more than 42 million quintals. This year, the area under beet cultivation was increased to about 250,000 hectares and the total crop is estimated at 50 million quintals.

In 1946, the crop of 376,000 farms was put under contract; this year the number is expected to reach 742,000. Since the area under cultivation increased from 169,000 to 250,000 hectares, it is expected that sugar production will reach 735,000 tons, an increase of 18 percent over last year.

In 1947, per-capita consumption of sugar in Poland was 12.9 kilograms; in 1948, 17.2 kilograms. In 1949 it is expected to reach 19 kilograms or 56 percent more than the highest prewar consumption (12.2 kilograms).

FINER RYE FLOUR FOR POLAND -- Trybuna Ludu, No 226, 18 Aug 49

The Ministry of Internal Trade has ordered that, beginning 15 August, the 60-percent extraction rate will be used for rye flour instead of the 65 percent used heretofore. The primary reason for this change is to increase the production of rye bran needed to fatten hogs.

In Warsaw, the wholesale price of 60-percent rye flour is 42 zlotys per kilogram; the retail price, 49 zlotys.

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RICE GROWING EXPERIMENTS INITIATED -- Zycie Warszawy, No 227, 17 Aug 49

The Scientific Institute of Rural Economy has started experimental rice growing in Pulawy (7 square kilometers), Sadlowice (200 square kilometers), and Gorzow (12 square kilometers). Experiments on small plots irrigated by motor pumps started last spring, but acclimatization research has been conducted for several years. Of five varieties grown, best results were shown by the Rumanian type Banloc, in Pulawy, where one meter yielded 530 grams of grain or 53 quintals to the hectare. One ear yielded about 150 grains; 1,000 grains weighed 26.5 grams. If later crops bring comparable results, Poland could cultivate rice on a larger scale and would be the eighth country in Europe to raise rice.

At present there are 1,000 square meters of experimental rice fields in Pulawy. Norwegian, French, Portuguese, Argentine, and Japanese varieties are grown in addition to the Rumanian-Lugarian variety.

RESEARCH BRINGS AGRICULTURE IMPROVEMENTS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 227, 19 Aug 49

Experimental farms in the Lodz region are growing new species of fruit trees, resistant to cold temperatures and yielding larger crops.

A scientific method of cow feeding in dairy farms raised the annual yield to 7,000 liters of milk per cow.

A new method of breeding carp and perch has also been introduced.

All experiments are based on scientific methods developed by the Russian scientists, Michurin and Lysenko.

FLAX CULTIVATION INCREASES IN POMORZE -- Trybuna Ludu, No 222, 14 Aug 49

The cultivation of flax has been consistently gaining new followers among the farmers in Pomorze Wojewodztwo. This year, 12,000 small and medium farmers planted more than 3,600 hectares of flax as compared to 2,800 hectares cultivated last year.

WARSAW WOJEWODZTWO STATE FARM OUTPUT HIGH -- Zycie Warszawy, No 225, 17 Aug 49

Threshing tests on State Farms of Warsaw Wojewodztwo have shown a yield of 15 - 22 quintals to the hectare, which is higher than last year's. Motorized equipment was generally used. The State Farms have 400 tractors available for full planting.

However, some shortcomings are noticed in the TOR (Technical Farm Service), which cannot provide the required repair work on time, due to the shortage of parts and skilled labor. These handicaps often prevent operation according to plan.

Warsaw Wojewodztwo has 200 farms, which are organized into 22 collective units. The farm area comprises 40,000 hectares of arable land, 1,200 hectares of orchards, and a few hundred hectares for truck farming.

Livestock figures are on the increase; at present the farms have about 3,000 horses and about 6,000 head of cattle. The dairy production supplies 30,000 - 40,000 liters of milk daily. About 8,000 hogs are being fattened.

Twelve hundred tons of fruit have been shipped from the farms this fall.

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